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AMSAT Symposium

AMSAT News Service Bulletin 240.01

From AMSAT HQ SILVER SPRING, MD.

August 28, 2005

To All RADIO AMATEURS

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Remember that the "AMSAT rate" at the Holiday Inn in Lafayette runs out September 22, 2005. Please book through the AMSAT block.

And if you pre-register you save \$ 10 and you can do it online:

<http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/symposium/>.

The Symposium is Oct 7th thru Oct 9th in Lafayette, LA. Home of the Silicon Bayou.

AGENDA FOR THE 2005 AMSAT-NA SPACE SYMPOSIUM and ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday October 6, 2005

Morning

8 am-noon AMSAT Board Meeting

noon-1 pm AMSAT Board Lunch Break

Afternoon

1 pm-5 pm AMSAT Board Meeting

5 pm-6pm AMSAT Board Dinner Break

Evening

6 pm-9 pm AMSAT Board Meeting

Friday October 7, 2005

Morning

8 am-noon AMSAT Board Meeting

Afternoon

1 pm-5 pm AMSAT Symposium

Evening

5:30 pm Shrimp Boil

7:30 pm President's Club Meeting

Saturday October 8, 2005

Morning

8 am-noon AMSAT Symposium

noon-1 pm Lunch on own

Afternoon

1 pm -1:30 pm Awards Ceremony

1:30-4 pm AMSAT Symposium

4 pm-5 pm AMSAT Annual Meeting

Evening

7-7:30 pm Attitude Adjustment

7:30-10 PM Banquet

Sunday, October 9, 2005

Morning

7 am-9:00 am Area Coordinators Breakfast

7:00 am First Swamp Tour

9:30 am Second Swamp Tour

11:00 am IARU Meeting

Spouse Program on Saturday

Depart 9:30 AM

1st stop - Vermillionville - Vermillionville is a replica of an Acadian village of the early 18th century. This is similar to Williamsburg, VA, where the staff is in costume and the craft persons make arts and craft items with period tools. This depicts the life of the Acadian living on the bayous and gives a flavor of the culture and hardship of living in Acadiana in the 1800s. It will take about 90 minutes to see the exhibits.

2nd stop - The Cathedral Oak - This is a 200 year old oak tree where the canopy is way over 100 feet in diameter.

3rd stop - The Mouton Home - This is the home of the founder of Lafayette and is a typical home of the period.

4th stop - Hotel - The group should return to the hotel at approximately 1:00 PM.

Lagniappes - Departs the hotel at 1:15 For those hardy shoppers who have the energy and the desire, there will be a visit to a local flea market where there is marketing of arts and crafts made by craft persons of the area. This group will return to the hotel at approximately 3:00 pm.

There will be a nominal cost of approximately \$20 to cover the transportation cost and entrance fees.

A late addition to the agenda for the Amsat Symposium in Lafayette is a meeting of the Eagle project team. This meeting will also be open to all other interested AMSAT members.

If you are an AMSAT member, not on the Eagle team, and would like to attend, please advise wb4gcs@amsat.org. All AMSAT members are welcome, we'd just like to know who and how many are attending, so we can be prepared.

[ANS thanks the AMSAT Symposium team & Martha for the above information]

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HAMSAT Reports Needed

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Hi All

One of the members of the Mission Management Board at ISTRAC called me this afternoon to enquire about the latest feedback on Hamsat usage around the globe.

I request you to kindly send in your feedback reports to reports@amsat.in as this will help the MMB ISTRAC to comply the latest reports & payload evaluation in time before their meeting scheduled for 29 Aug 2005.

[ANS thanks VU2POP, Pop, for the above information]

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AMSAT Election Deadline Approaching

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Your votes do count.

With the deadline for the receipt of ballots for the AMSAT Board of Directors less than a month away, Bill Hook, W3QBC, who heads up AMSAT's Ballot Counting Committee, advises that to date only 609 ballots have been received. This amounts to only 15% of the total number of ballots mailed to members.

Votes are needed to select the 4 best qualified to serve among the 8 candidates. The biographical information as submitted by the Candidates can be found on the AMSAT website at http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/AboutAmsat/candidate_bios.php

To be counted, ballots must be received at the AMSAT office before the close of business on Thursday, 15 September 2005.

[ANS thanks Bill W3QBC for the above information]

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ARISS Status - 28 August 2005

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ARISS Status
August 28, 2005

1. Arizona Contact a Success!

On Wednesday, August 17, the children at D.W. Higgins Institute in Tempe, Arizona, experienced an ARISS contact with John Phillips, KE5DRY. The astronaut was able to answer 23 of the 24 questions posed to him by twelve students before the ISS went over the horizon. An audience of approximately 200 students, teachers, and others witnessed the contact. Special guests attending the event included the mayor of Tempe, Phillips' parents and his sister, Maura Mackowski, whose son, Ben, is a sixth grader at the school. Mackowski was impressed with the Q & A session and wrote a thank you note to JSC, expressing her gratitude for a job well done, noting Steve Bible, N7HPR, in particular, for setting up and working his radio during the contact. Among the media present were two television channels (5 and 12) and two news papers, The Arizona Republic and East Valley Tribune.

Arizona Republic's article, "Tempe students radio space station, talk to astronaut," may be found at:
<http://www.azcentral.com/families/education/articles/0817t-space-0N.html>

East Valley Tribune ran a story, "Students use radio to chat with astronaut in orbit." See:
<http://www.eastvalleytribune.com/index.php?sty=46392>

The Channel 12 news video clip of the event, "Students speak with astronauts aboard International Space Station," is available for viewing. See:
http://www.azcentral.com/12news/video/12video_index.html

2. Upcoming School Contacts

The Sapporo Junior Amateur Radio Club in Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan has been scheduled for a contact on Monday, August 22 at 14:26 UTC.

The 2005 World Expo in Aichi, Japan has been approved for an ARISS contact. It has been scheduled for Friday, September 2 at 09:45 UTC.

3. ARISS International Meeting

ARISS delegate Rosalie White has submitted minutes from the U.K. meeting to the other delegates for comments. Once finalized, they will be posted to the ARISS and AMSAT websites.

The next ARISS International Teleconference will be held on Tuesday, August 23.

4. ARRL Article on Krikalev

On August 12, the ARRL ran a web story on Sergei Krikalev, U5MIR. "ISS commander sets new space endurance record" is posted on the website. See: <http://www.arrl.org/>

5. SSTV Safety Review Held

On Friday, August 19, the JSC Payload Safety Review Panel (PSRP) met

with members of ARISS-U.S. to discuss the certification of the SSTV/Vox box and two cables which the ARISS-U.S. team is providing to the project. Once the ARISS team submits supporting documentation, the certification document will be signed. The Russian team will provide the webcam and will provide the safety certification for the integrated system. The SSTV is expected to fly on 19P which is scheduled for a September launch.

6. Space Tourist Issued Callsign

Greg Olsen took and passed his amateur radio exam on Friday, August 12, and was issued the callsign, KC2ONX. Olsen, slated to be the next space tourist, will fly with Expedition 12 crew members, Bill McArthur, KC5ACR, and Valery Tokarev in October. Sergey Samburov, RV3DR, will provide training on the ARISS radio system and operations so that he may participate in school contacts while on board the ISS. ARRL ran an article on Olsen, entitled, "Next ISS 'Space Tourist' Gets Amateur Radio Ticket." See: <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2005/08/18/3/?nc=1>

[ANS thanks Carol, KB3LKI for the above information]

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Volunteer Station Needed

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Here is your chance to become a viable part of the Amateur
Satellite Community.

We are looking for a volunteer satellite packet
station in Hawaii that is interested in helping with
telemetry and sat-gating of PCSAT2 and
ARISS packets. Requirements are:

- 1) General familiarity with packet
- 2) TNC connected to a cross band radio that
can RX on UHF and TX on VHF.
- 3) modest UHF beam and rotator system.

Contact WB4APR for more information.

[ANS thanks Bob, WB4APR, for the above information]

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In addition to regular membership, AMSAT offers membership in the
President's Club. Members of the President's Club, as sustaining donors
to AMSAT Project Funds, will be eligible to receive additional benefits.
Application forms are available from the AMSAT Office.

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